

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 108th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: March 18, 2004]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 929 (Mr. Isakson)

Proponent name, location: Colorchem, Inc.
Atlanta, GA 30350

Other bills on product (108th Congress only): none

Nature of bill: temporary duty suspension through 12/31/2007

Retroactive effect: none

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

1,8-Dichloroanthraquinone (CAS No. 82-43-9) (provided for in subheading 2914.69.90)

Check one: ☒ Same as that in bill as introduced
☐ Different from that in bill as introduced (explain differences in Technical
comments section)

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The chemical, 1,8-dichloroanthraquinone, is a raw material for the production of Solvent yellow 163, a dye used by companies such as GE, Dow, and Bayer to color engineering plastics (e.g., acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS), polycarbonate and acrylic). A principal use of Solvent yellow 163 is to color automotive turn-signal lenses. Colorchem has manufacture the solvent dye at a facility in Fort Mill, South Carolina for more than 15 years and is believed to be the sole U.S. manufacturer. Colorchem imports its supply of 1,8-dichloroanthraquinone from Chinese sources. There is reported to be at least 2 manufacturers in China producing this material, as well as one in India. All former producers of this chemical in Europe and the Americas have ceased production.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Eric Land (202-205-3349); Tariff Affairs contact: Dave Beck (202-205-2603).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at <http://www.usitc.gov/billrpts.htm> Access to a paper copy is available at the Commission's Law Library (202-205-3287) or at the Commission's Main Library (202-205-2630).

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2914.69.90					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE) ^{1/}	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Customs revenue loss	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500

^{1/} The AVE is the ad valorem equivalent of a specific or compound duty rate expressed as a percent, using the most recent import data available.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Colorchem. Inc. Steven Printz, President (ph) 770-993-5500, (fax) 770-993-4780, e-mail: sjprintz@colorchem.com	2/11/2004	No	No	No
Fanwood Chemical, Inc Jim DeLisi (ph) 908-322-8440 e-mail: jdelisi@fanwoodchemical.com	2/18/2004	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

none

³ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 929

To suspend temporarily the duty on 1,8 Dichloroanthraquinone.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2003

Mr. ISAKSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on 1,8
Dichloroanthraquinone.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. 1,8 DICHLOROANTHRAQUINONE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
7 new heading:

“	9902.29.09	1,8 Dichloroanthraquinone (CAS No. 82–43–9) (provided for in sub- heading 2914.69.90)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2007	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or
3 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after
4 the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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